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Assistant Director for Operations
MEMO: Assistant Director for
Reports and Estimates
Assistant Director for Collection and
Dissemination
Availability of Captured Japanese Scientific
and Industrial Material to American Industry

- REFERENCE: (a) Memorandum, subject as above, dated 10 Feb 47
from A.D., OGD to Chief, ICAPS (as to A.D., CO)
(b) Memorandum from A.D., OGD to A.D., CO, dated
10 Jan 47, Subject: Requirements and Controls
Relating to Dissemination of Material in
Documents Branch, Office of Operations.
(c) Memorandum from Asst. Exec. Dir. to all Asst.
Directors and Chief, ICAPS, dated 17 April 47,
Subject: Functions of the Documents Branch,
Office of Operations.

1. As stated in Reference (a), Executive Order 9804, dated 27 August 1945, announced that "It is the policy of this Government, subject to the requirements of National Military Security, that there shall be prompt, public, free and general dissemination of enemy scientific and industrial information."

2. This office has been informed that in accordance with recommendations contained in Reference (b), Documents Branch, in January 1947, released to the Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce between 1300 to 1400 captured Japanese scientific and industrial periodicals. Duplicate copies of these periodicals have been retained in the Documents Branch.

3. It is now the recommendation of this office that the remaining publicly issued captured Japanese scientific and industrial periodicals, which the Documents Branch received in only one copy, be released to the Office of Technical Services. The representative of this office has discussed this recommendation with the Chief, Documents Branch and the latter has indicated his informal concurrence in the proposal.

4. The recommended action would not conflict with, but would rather be in harmony with the function prescribed in Reference (c), viz., cataloging, summarizing and translating ~~current~~ foreign periodicals other than the daily press.

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8. In view of the fact that the periodicals concerned herein were publicly issued in Japan, there appears to be no reason why any of them should be retained by the Documents Branch because of security considerations. In the event any of these publications are desired at a later date for examination as possible sources of intelligence, they will be available at the Library of Congress, inasmuch as the Office of Technical Services, after securing abstracts of material of this nature for the information of American industry, sends the material to the Library of Congress. The Documents Branch can, of course, obtain copies of the abstracts prepared by the Office of Technical Services for reference purposes.

9. This memorandum is being submitted through the Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates with the request that it be sent forward if there are no objections to the proposal herein, or returned to this office if there is any dissent. It is assumed that Scientific Branch and ENS will have an interest in this matter.

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